

House Resolution 686

By: Representatives Abdul-Salaam of the 74th, Brooks of the 63rd, Smyre of the 132nd, Williams of the 165th, Williams of the 89th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Declaring Coretta Scott King Day in Georgia; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Coretta Scott was born on April 27, 1927, in Heiberger in Perry County,
3 Alabama, near Marion, the second of three children born to Obediah Scott, an enterprising
4 entrepreneur, and Bernice McMurray Scott; and in 1945, she enrolled at Antioch College in
5 Yellow Springs, Ohio, pursuing majors in music and education; and

6 WHEREAS, on June 18, 1953, Coretta Scott married Martin Luther King, Jr., with the
7 Reverend King, Sr., officiating at the wedding ceremony, and over the next ten years, the
8 couple welcomed four children into their family: Yolanda Denise on November 17, 1955;
9 Martin Luther III on October 23, 1957; Dexter Scott on January 30, 1961; and Bernice
10 Albertine on March 28, 1963; and

11 WHEREAS, in 1956, when her first child was not even a year old, Mrs. King stood by her
12 husband's side as the Montgomery bus boycott began, and never did her support and
13 conviction waver, not when her house was bombed and not when her husband was jailed,
14 assaulted, and murdered for his commitment to human rights; she shared her husband's
15 steadfast commitment to seeking peace and justice through nonviolent action and played a
16 leading role in advocating social change across the nation and throughout the world during
17 his lifetime and thereafter, and she continued to be a prominent voice in maintaining the
18 enduring legacy of her husband's dreams to the moment of her death; and

19 WHEREAS, while Dr. King is an undisputed hero of the movement, excelling in the
20 sincerity of his conviction and his unwillingness to compromise in matters of nonviolence,
21 Mrs. King is a hero in her own right, but sadly, even though she has received many honors,
22 most 'mainstream' Americans do not know of her accomplishments, her convictions, and her
23 tireless work on behalf of a free and equal society.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
2 the members of this body declare April 27, 2007, to be Coretta Scott King Day in Georgia.

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
4 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the public and the press.